

THE ST. PATRICK PARADE OF JEFFERSON'S

2023 PARADE "COMMANDMENTS"

1. THIS IS A FAMILY PARADE:

This is a family parade! Govern your unit and members accordingly! This means no offensive or obscene music; no offensive or obscene costumes; no offensive or obscene throws; no offensive or obscene nothing! Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the parade. Period!

2. BY INVITATION ONLY

Participation in the parade is by invitation only. All floats, trucks and property vehicles must be properly decorated and all riders and costumes must be appropriate for St. Patrick's Day. All units must complete the online registration to be considered for admission into the parade. The application period is from October 15 – November 15, 2022. If there is available space after the November 15, the registration will be opened to "new" units. The Committee's website is: stpatricksdaymetairie.com. It is the responsibility of each unit to notify the Committee in writing of any change in mailing address and/or person in charge. The Committee will accept only one representative per unit.

3. MEETING ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

There will be a general membership meeting shortly before the parade; the date and time will be determined in due course. Each unit must send at least one representative to the general membership meeting. Units who fail to attend this meeting will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Units will receive their parade position and number placards at the general membership meeting at which time you must declare whether you will be using a generator during the parade. No outside vendors are allowed at the general membership meeting. If you wish to buy produce you must do so on your own.

4. GENERATOR SAFETY

If you are using a generator the Fire Department will inspect it on the day of the parade. The Fire Department has the last say as it relates to generators – please familiarize yourself with the Parish Ordinances, particularly sections 6–79; 6–82; 6–83; and 6–95. The Committee cannot overrule the Fire Department. Any enforcement questions should be referred to the Fire Department. The Parade Committee cannot provide legal interpretations or speak for the Fire Department. These ordinances may be viewed at:

https://library.municode.com/la/jefferson_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH6AMEN

5. LINEUP

All units must have a driver with their unit at all times. Under no circumstance are they to leave the unit without someone competent to drive it. At lineup units will not block cross streets. Units will park as close as reasonably practicable to the curb so emergency vehicles can operate in and around the parade lineup area.

6. WATCH AND LISTEN

Advertisements of a commercial and/or political nature, obscenities, microphones or megaphones are not allowed.

7. PLACARD AND HEIGHT

All units must display the official position placard. The placard must be displayed on all four sides of the vehicle high enough to be clearly seen. Exchanging of placards will not be tolerated. Parade units cannot exceed 16 feet in height. There are no exceptions.

8. THROWS AND THROWING

All throws must be legitimate Saint Patrick’s Day throws; beads and trinkets are allowed. Potatoes, lemons and limes are strictly forbidden. Cabbage must not be thrown under any circumstance; underhand tossing of cabbage is the only manner allowed. Produce will only be

given to spectators from the lower level of a unit. Any unit observed throwing an item which may become a missile/projectile will be immediately ejected from the parade, receive a zero score, put on probation or not invited back in the future. No produce of any kind is allowed on the second tier of any unit.

9. JUDGING

There will be at least five anonymous judges stationed along the route who will review each unit as it passes. The judges alone determine the various first, second and third positions in each category.

10. AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top three units in each division: trucks, floats and marching groups. The date and time of the award issuance will be listed on the Committee's website in due course. Please check the website before calling or emailing the committee with questions. The Committee's website address is: stpatricksdaymetairie.com

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, PARISH ORDINANCES, STATE LAWS, OR JUST PLAIN COMMON SENSE WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE AND/OR BEING BARRED FROM FUTURE PARADES!

For further information re Jefferson Parish ordinances, regulations, and the like please go to Jefferson Parish's Citizens' Affairs webpage:

<https://www.jeffparish.net/departments/citizens--affairs/mardi-gras---parades/additional-information>

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